

16 January 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:      Hearing Before the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate  
                 Armed Services Committee - 16 January 1959 -  
                 Executive Session**

1. At the request of the DCI an appearance was made before the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee on 16 January 1959 in executive session. Members of the Subcommittee present were:

Senator Richard B. Russell, Chairman  
Senator Harry Flood Byrd  
Senator Leverett Saltonstall  
Senator Styles Bridges  
Senator Carl Hayden (by invitation)  
William H. Darden, Staff Member

Present for the Agency were:

The Director  
The Deputy Director  
Howard Stoertz, Jr.  
Herbert Scoville, Jr.  
John S. Warner

Mr. Darden had advised that notices of the Subcommittee meeting were sent out in the normal manner. There were photographers and reporters present before and after the meeting. The Director made no statement, however. There was mentioned on the radio both before and after the Subcommittee meeting the fact of Mr. Dulles appearing to testify before the Subcommittee.

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2. The Director presented a prepared statement beginning at eleven o'clock which was completed at approximately 12:20 p.m. although some of the time was consumed by questions. The meeting was concluded at 12:45 p.m. At the opening of the meeting the Chairman stated he wished

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to advise the Subcommittee that the Director wished to make a presentation in the very near future dealing with the Agency itself, its personnel and organization. No transcript was made of the hearing.

3. The Senators present all seemed extremely interested in getting a detailed briefing of this type and asked pertinent questions to get the facts more firmly and clearly fixed in their minds. There is attached a list of the questions asked by the various Senators with indications of the nature of the answers. Of special interest was a discussion of the fact that the information presented by the DCI was agreed intelligence with appropriate exceptions as indicated. Several of the Senators commented that they receive varying stories and particularly in the newspapers are different figures on Russian strength. Therefore, to have given to them an agreed governmental picture of the estimate of the Soviet strength seemed especially helpful to the Senators.

4. After the meeting was over the Director stated that he would like a copy of his prepared statement and the questions and answers furnished to the Department of Defense for their assistance. Stoertz and Warner will prepare this.

5. Mr. Darden was furnished for the Committee library a copy of Ransom's book **CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY**.

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**Attachment**  
**Questions & Answers**

cc: DCI  
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Ques. & Answers only - 2 cc to DDCI for transmittal to Secretary McElroy and General Twining

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

**For information only.**

Attached is a Memorandum for the Record of the hearing before the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services with a separate attachment listing the questions raised by the various Senators and the thrust of the answers. Questions and answers were reviewed for me by Howard Stoertz for content. We have forwarded a list of these questions as well as the prepared statement to General Cabell for transmittal to Secretary McElroy and General Twining.

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**20 January 1959**  
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